

Why Did Jesus Have To Die?

Question #1- How do you fully accept and understand Jesus dying for our sins? Why did Jesus have to die for our sins to be forgiven?

I want to take you back to the Garden of Eden to start to answer this question. If you read chapters 1 – 3 you see the story of what happened.

God creates Adam and gives him authority over everything on earth. He is, in effect, God's Vice Regent on earth because he is to "govern" it and have "dominion" over all created things.

Genesis 1:26 - 28 Then God said, "Let us make man (Adam) in our image, to be like ourselves. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground. So God created the man (Adam) in his own image In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. **Fill the earth and govern it.** Have dominion over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

Then, Adam is told about the two trees in the midst of the garden and warned not to eat of the one tree or else he would die (in Hebrew it says "you will die the deaths" which is plural signifying spiritual and physical death would occur).

Genesis 2:8 - 9 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
Genesis 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that you of it you shalt surely die.

Eve is created and lives with Adam in the garden. The serpent (allegorical for Satan) comes into the garden and deceives Eve who eats of the fruit of the tree and then gives some to Adam who is right there with her. You need to read Genesis 3 to follow these next thoughts.

Satan lies to Eve and she is "deceived" – "you will not die"
She gives it to Adam who is right there with her and he eats
They become "ashamed" because they are "naked"... Now, they were physically naked 5 minutes before that and were not ashamed so this nakedness is not physical, it's

spiritual... they “died spiritually” because the Spirit of God left them. Remember, they became alive when God “breathed His Spirit” into them. Once they had disobeyed the Holy Spirit left them and they felt the shame of losing His Life within them. I’ll explain more of this aspect in a few moments...

The Lord comes to visit with them and they hide from Him due to their shame.

When He asks; “Where are you?” it is more of a “Where are you in relation to Me now that you have eaten the fruit?”

Eve blames Satan for deceiving her (which is true)

Adam blames both God and Eve for his sin... the first shifting of blame by mankind.

Adam says: “*The woman You gave me gave me* the fruit...”

There are many consequences from the “fall”:

1. They died spiritually immediately – the Holy Spirit left them = nakedness and spiritual death resulting from that. To explain nakedness think of a power wire on a pole. Great power goes through the wire and it is shielded with rubber or plastic to keep it from harming people if they somehow touch it. The Bible says “no man can see God and live” because of the great Power of the Glory emanating from Him. So, God “covered” Adam and Eve with “Shekinah” a Hebrew word meaning “covering”. Once they ate the fruit and disobeyed the Holy Spirit left them and with Him the “covering” or “Shekinah”. That’s why they sewed fig leaves together... they were trying to shield themselves from the Glory of God.
2. They died the first death... Spiritual Death. The Holy Spirit “Ruach Kadesh” left them. Hundreds of years later they died physical death. These are the two deaths mentioned in the plural word in “you shall die the **deaths**”.
3. Eve bears some fault and is told that she will have pain in child birth (which I believe also implicates child rearing in which almost every mother’s heart is broken by her children sometime or another).
4. The earth is cursed and no longer will it yield its fruit easily but Adam will have to “scratch out a living” from it.
5. Adam loses his Authority and Dominion over the earth to Satan and he becomes “the god of this world”.
6. God, in his mercy, removes them from the garden so they won’t eat from the tree of life and “live forever” in this sinful, Godless state.
7. God promises a “deliverer”; The Messiah. He would war with the Serpent (Satan) and when He, the Messiah, crushes the serpents head he would be bitten by the serpent and die. So, in His death we would have the curse removed from us. Gen 3:14-15 The Primal Prophecy

The Lord had to have Justice... Adam and Eve were given “free will” but with that there were terrible consequences to disobeying.

Also, people ask many times “How could God create us knowing that we would sin?” Within hours of the first sin ever committed by mankind God promised a Savior; His Son, who would pay the ultimate price for Adam’s “High Treason”... High Treason because he was the one who ruled earth for God but he sold it out for Eve... placing his love for her before his love for God and fidelity to Him. The penalty for High Treason is always death. And so it was for Jesus also.

In effect, The Lord is taking responsibility for creating us and willing became a man to pay the price.

Someone once wrote: “We had a debt we could not pay... He paid a debt He did not owe.”

Eve is talked about as having a “seed” in the prophecy. Women don’t have “seed”, they have eggs in their ovum. Men have seed. But Messiah is to be “born of a virgin”. This is the great prophecy of the Messiah... He would be God’s Son, Emmanuel: “God with us in the flesh”

Isaiah 7:14 - 15 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive**, and bear a son, **and shall call his name Emmanuel** (which literally means: *God with us in the flesh*)

Next; the Apostle Paul tells us that the Mosaic Law was a “schoolmaster to bring us to Christ”. Read Galatians 3:19 – 29 we see this in that each year a Lamb is offered for an “Atonement” or “covering of sin. Sin is not REMOVED... it is COVERED.

When the virgin Mary conceived Jesus in her womb through the Holy Spirit coming upon her she was told that she should name Him Jesus because He would “Save His people from their sins”. This is in:

Luke 1:26 - 38 “And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.** And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.”

We see the fulfillment of the Primal Prophecy and also the incredible prophecy of Isaiah that “a virgin shall conceive”!

NOTE: When a woman conceives a baby the blood that is created in the baby comes from the seed. “The life is in the blood” and it is that blood and that life that brings life to the egg. So, the blood “comes from the father”. This is why we all carry the “sinfulness” of Adam’s blood... We are “Adam’s race” not Eves race. (Research for this comes from THE CHEMISTRY OF THE BLOOD by M.R. DeHaan, M.D.)

So, what we see in Jesus is that His blood did not come from Adam... His blood was from God. The life that Adam knew before sin was the life that was in Jesus. Jesus was truly God and truly man. His blood was “Divine” his body was human.

So, all of the things in the Law that talk about “blood” are pointing us to Jesus! His blood is Divine... He is “the spotless lamb” that John the Baptist spoke of:

John 1:29 – 34 “The next day John saw Jesus coming unto him, and said, **Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world.** ³⁰This is he of whom I said, After me will come a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. ³¹And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. ³²And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. ³³And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizes with the Holy Ghost. ³⁴**And I saw, and bear record that this is the Son of God.**”

Now you can start to see why Jesus is the Messiah. He fulfills the prophecies and He “takes away our sins” and restores to “all who believe in Him; Eternal Life”.

So, throughout the entire Bible The Lord is allegorically pointing us to Jesus. When God “sent His Son” Jesus came to “redeem us” or “pay the price” for our freedom from physical death = Eternal Life to all who believe AND to bring “Spiritual Life” to all who believe because when we believe the Holy Spirit comes to live in us as He did in Adam

and Eve. We are no longer “ashamed” but “washed clean of our sins by the Blood of the Lamb”... remember that EVERYTHING in the Law was “made CEREMONIALLY clean” by the sprinkling of blood. But, what the Law could not do, CLEANSE us from sin, Jesus’ blood does as we, by faith in its efficacy, are “sprinkled with His blood” and forgiven and restored to right relationship with God.

Not only has Jesus redeemed “All who come to Him” but He redeemed the earth when his blood touched the thorns pushed into His head His blood removed the curse on the earth.